

guaranteed farm ownership loans and guaranteed farm operating loans of up to \$600,000, and to increase the maximum loan amounts with inflation; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1775. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphonic acid, (nitrilotris (methylene))tris; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1776. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphonic acid, (1-hydroxyethylidene)tris-, pentasodium salt; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1777. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphonic acid, (1-hydroxyethylidene)bis; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1778. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphonic acid, (1-hydroxyethylidene)bis-, tetrasodium salt; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1779. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphonic acid, (1,6-hexanediylnitrilobis (methylene)) tetrakis-potassium salt; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1780. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphonic acid, (((phosphonomethyl)imino)bis(2,1-ethanediylnitrilobis- (methylene))) tetrakis; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1781. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphonic acid, (((phosphonomethyl)imino)bis(2,1-ethanediylnitrilobis- (methylene))) tetrakis-, sodium salt; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1782. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Polyvinyl Butyral; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1783. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on triethyleneglycol bis(2-ethyl hexanoate); to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1784. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Biphenyl flake; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1785. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2-Ethylhexanoic acid; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 1786. A bill to provide for the conduct of a study and report concerning the ability of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to address the growing threat of viral epidemics and biological and chemical terrorism; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. KYL, Mr. GORTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1787. A bill to authorize additional appropriations for United States Customs Service personnel and technology in order to expedite the flow of legal commercial and passenger traffic at United States land borders; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN:

S. 1788. A bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1789. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access to health insurance and medicare benefits for individuals ages 55 to 65 to be fully funded through premiums and anti-fraud provision, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 196. A resolution recognizing, and calling on all Americans to recognize, the courage and sacrifice of Senator John McCain and the members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and stating that the American people will not forget that more than 2,000 members of the Armed Forces remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict and will continue to press for the fullest possible accounting for all such members whose whereabouts are unknown; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 197. A resolution designating May 6, 1998, as "National Eating Disorders Awareness Day" to heighten awareness and stress prevention of eating disorders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KEMPTHORNE (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Con. Res. 84. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of Costa Rica should take steps to protect the lives of property owners in Costa Rica, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1770. A bill to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service

to Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, to provide for the organizational independence of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDIAN HEALTH ACT
OF 1998

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to redesignate the position of the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) to an Assistant Secretarial position within the Department of Health and Human Services. I am pleased that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, Senator CAMPBELL and Senator INOUE, as well as my colleague, Senator CONRAD, are joining me as co-sponsors of this important legislation. The Senate previously approved this legislation in the 103rd session and again considered the bill in the 104th session, but we were unable to pass a bill before adjournment. We are again pursuing this legislation as the timing for enactment could not be more critical.

Some of my colleagues might be led to believe the standard of living for Indian people is improving due to the relatively small economic success enjoyed by a few Indian tribes in this country. Nothing could be further from reality as the health conditions facing Indian people are an endemic crisis.

Mr. President, Indian reservation areas are among the most impoverished areas in our nation, yet remain the least served and the most forgotten when it comes to improving health care delivery. American Indian and Alaska Native populations are affected by diabetes at a rate that overwhelmingly exceeds other national populations. Mortality rates for tuberculosis, alcoholism, accidents, homicide, pneumonia, influenza and suicides are far higher than all other segments of the national population. The number of HIV and AIDS cases affecting American Indian communities is increasing at an alarming rate.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is the lead agency charged with providing health care to the more than 550 Indian tribes in this country. The IHS currently falls under the authority of the Public Health Service within the overall Department of Health and Human Services. The Indian Health Service consists of 143 service units composed of over 500 direct health care delivery facilities, including 49 hospitals, 176 health centers, 8 school centers and 277 health stations and satellite clinics and Alaska village clinics. This health network provides services ranging from facility construction to pediatrics, and serves approximately 1.3 million American Indians and Alaska Native individuals each year.

For the past couple of years, the Department has undergone reorganizational reforms and removed some of the administrative hurdles faced by the IHS Director. I applaud the Secretary